

SENATE BILL 255

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;  
Title 4; Title 8; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 40;  
Title 41; Title 49; Title 50; Title 54; Title 55; Title  
62; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to high school  
equivalency credentials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-116(1), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1421, is amended by deleting the language "general educational development (GED(R)) credential" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-102(a)(1)(C)(ii), is amended by deleting the language "general educational development certificate (GED(R))" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-112(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-213(1), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-106(3), is amended by deleting the language "its equivalent, which shall include a general educational development (GED(R)) certificate" and substituting "a high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-505, is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diplomas" and substituting "high school equivalency credentials".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-36-302(a)(4), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R)" and substituting "adult education to include preparation and testing toward obtaining a high school equivalency credential,".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-142(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or other scholastic testing" and substituting "adult education programing to include preparation and testing toward obtaining a high school equivalency credential,".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-702(15)(B)(v), is amended by deleting the language "the GED(R)" and substituting "a high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202(a)(4), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(1)(A)(iii), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R) diploma" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(1)(C), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R) diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by deleting subdivisions (20) and (26).

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-905(b)(2), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-908(a), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R) credential" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-908(a)(4), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency".

SECTION 19. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-918, is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 20. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-926(a), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 21. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-929(b), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 22. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-937(a), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 23. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-111(a), is amended by deleting the language ", GED(R), or HiSET(R)" and substituting "or high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 24. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2403(4)(I), is amended by deleting the language ", a GED(R) or other alternatives to high school completion" and substituting "or obtainment of a high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 25. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2409(b), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R) classes" and substituting "Adult education programming to include preparation toward obtaining a high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 26. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3001(c)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 27. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3017(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 28. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3017(d), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R), HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 29. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050, is amended by deleting the language ", GED(R), or HiSET(R)" wherever it appears and substituting "or high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 30. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(g), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 31. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-101(c), is amended by deleting the language "GED certificate" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 32. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-104(b)(1)(C), is amended by deleting the language "diploma" and substituting "credential".

SECTION 33. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-105(b)(1)(C), is amended by deleting the language "diploma" and substituting "credential".

SECTION 34. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-207(3)(B)(i), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 35. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-208(i)(2), is amended by deleting the language "general education development (GED(R)) classes and testing" and substituting "adult education to include preparation and testing toward obtaining a high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 36. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-7-104(h), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma (GED)" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 37. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-7-104(j), is amended by deleting the language "GED shall only be deemed to be satisfied if the candidate can demonstrate that the candidate has obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent in educational training as recognized by the state board of education by providing the board with the candidate's diploma, GED certificate or other official documentation" and substituting "high school equivalency credential is only deemed to be satisfied if the candidate can demonstrate that the candidate has obtained a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential as recognized by the state board of education by providing the board with the candidate's diploma, high school equivalency credential, or other official documentation".

SECTION 38. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-419(g)(2)(F)(ii), is amended by deleting the language "GED course work" and substituting "adult education programming to include preparation toward obtaining a high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 39. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-3-110(b)(2), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) or HiSET(R) diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 40. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-4-110(c)(2)(A)(i), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma (GED(R))" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 41. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-305(b)(5), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) recognized by a state education department" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 42. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-307(b)(5), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) recognized by a state education department" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 43. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-312(b)(4), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) recognized by a state education department" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 44. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-6-305(2), is amended by deleting the language "general education development (GED(R)) certificate" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 45. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-13-303(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "general educational development (GED(R)) certificate" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 46. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-18-109, is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma (GED(R))" wherever it appears and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 47. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-19-111(c)(3), is amended by deleting the language ", general equivalency diploma (GED(R)), or HiSET(R) diploma" and substituting "or high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 48. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-109(2), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 49. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-127(e)(2), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 50. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-244(e)(2), is amended by deleting the language "general equivalency diploma" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 51. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-102-143(a)(2)(A), is amended by deleting the language "GED(R) certificate" and substituting "high school equivalency credential".

SECTION 52. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.